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#### THE FISHBURNE CASE.

Banker Fishburne, of New York, ought to be very well satisfied with the verdict of the jury which sat in his case. He indignantly failed to show that the murderous blow which deprived Dr. Lefew of his life was the act of a man fighting to save his own life.

One or two facts stand out in clear relief in this unfortunate case, which has brought darkness and sorrow into two prominent families of the Old Dominion. Fishburne sought out Dr. Lefew. Whether or not his original intention was to monopolize for striking the physician's stepson, is immaterial. Subsequent events show that he was prepared for any contingency and was not averse to continuing the fight so valiantly begun upon the child, when his action in the earlier struggle was criticized by one who had a perfect right to criticize and protest against that action.

Another point which should impress itself upon the minds of all who have followed the case is the course of an uncontrollable temper. A person of normal temperament finds it difficult to understand how the cries of a few boys could provoke a man of average intelligence to strike a child. That outburst gives one an insight into the character of the prisoner and his subsequent action is easier to understand. He probably had never practiced the art of self-control and the lack of that important thing has been fraught with tragic results for himself and Dr. Lefew.

Fortunately, one may trace the influence of a certain tendency toward impudence on the part of the present generation of boys. Things that sound "cute" and funny on baby tongues are glossed over with a laugh, until it becomes second nature for the child to treat its elders without consideration or respect. It may seem a hard thing to say, but can anyone doubt that the red judiciously applied in half a dozen New York homes would have saved two families from the sorrow and grief which have invaded them?

#### CANADA TO STRIKE BACK.

There are indications that our Canadian neighbors are not content to permit a continuance of the Dingley tariff without some measure of retaliation. Despite the attitude of the American government, there is a large trade between the citizens of the United States and the Canadians. A few days ago, however, the Board of Trade of Vancouver, B. C., adopted the following resolutions, which are to be submitted to the Canadian Parliament:

Whereas the existing tariff conditions, whereby American lumber and shingles are on the free list in Canada, while in the United States Canadian lumber is taxed \$2 per thousand and Canadian shingles 30 cents per thousand, are very detrimental to the lumber industry in British Columbia, the market for second-grade lumber, which forms the largest part of the output being practically supplied by the United States manufacturers; and, whereas, very large amounts of capital are invested in the industry, and very large numbers of men are employed, be it resolved that the Vancouver Board of Trade cannot too strongly impress upon the Dominion government the necessity of import duties being enacted equal to those imposed by the United States; and, further, that the question is urgent, and in the opinion of this board, should receive the attention of the government at the earliest possible moment; and be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the boards of trade in the province, asking for their endorsement to the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, to the Cabinet ministers, and to the members of Parliament of British Columbia.

While our statesmen at Washington are wrestling with the reciprocity and other problems of trade it might not be out of place for them to enact some sane legislation looking toward the encouragement of trade relations between this country and our nearest neighbors on the north. Why worry about Meneik and his half-naked savages while Canada and its more numerous wants are right at hand?

#### THE MILES CONTROVERSY.

Once more the ancient Miles controversy is unwinding its weary length through the columns of our esteemed contemporaries. Because Governor Douglas' chief of staff saw fit to reiterate certain statements which neither to have been advanced in justification of his action in placing shackles upon the former Davis while the latter was a prisoner at Fort Monroe, the whole matter is being rehearsed and we have a regular cross-examination of witnesses for and against the defendant. After the tempest in a teapot subsides the matter will remain just where it was before it was rehabilitated and its dry bones were made to rattle through numerous columns of valuable newspaper space. General Miles' friends will believe that he was justified in his action and his enemies will continue to believe, with increased fervor, that his treatment of the fallen chieftain of the Confederacy was brutal.

There is room for doubt as to whether either his friends or his enemies are capable of giving unprejudiced consideration to all the facts and all the conditions involved in this episode of 1865. Therefore, one feels like saying "cut bone?" when the marshalling of charge and counter-charge carries the controversy over ground which has been covered time and again since the work of a young zealot in Colonel's uniform cast a shadow upon the after life of one who would not object to political support from a section which despises his action and his untimely effort to evade responsibility for it.

#### AN EVOLUTION OF EXPERIENCE.

The newest thing in card games has made its appearance under the suggestive name of "Trusts and Trusts, or Frenzied Finance." It is described as follows: The game consists of eighty-six cards, ten of which are eagles to imitate the stock certificates of the various trusts; sixteen are market cards indicating the turn of the market and include Longs, Shorts, Puts, Calls, High Spreads, Low Spreads, and a Frenzied Finance Boom and a Frenzied Finance Slump. Each remaining card has a distinct value, so that it is possible for each player to win the trick. The winner is not revealed until all have played, and the market card is turned. Even then the winner is not sure of his holdings, for if a Boom strikes the market he loses all he has won on Shorts, while a Slump following takes all that he has won on Longs and the Boom.

The inventor of that game must have run the whole gamut of experiences included in the "System's" course of education for "blanks." It is a safe guess, however, that if his invention is one of the innocuous affairs which appeal to the frenzied approbation of the "cultured," his receipts from his latest game will be greater than they were from his game in the "Street."

The first general order issued by General Miles to the militia of Massachusetts would make a good opening chapter for a book on "The Whole Duty of a Soldier."—Boston Globe.

It is to be hoped that the order contained a paragraph or two which will give the members of Boston's "Fighting Fifth" a new conception of property rights of mere civilians. If they hold the same ideas they held when they stopped here for a day during the Spanish-American war, there certainly is room for reformation along that line.

A prominent newspaper demands that Secretary Morton shall resign from the Cabinet because, as vice-president of a great common carrier he permitted his company to violate the law in order to haul more tons. Our contemporary should refrain. The few men who honestly try to live up to their names should be encouraged rather than persecuted.

An esteemed contemporary remarks that "the young lady who wants to know how a girl should salute the American flag probably wouldn't displease the color-bearer if she should throw kisses at it." That certainly would be more apropos than throwing stale vegetables and cold storage eggs at it.

That New York Magazine, "How to Make Money," has suspended publication. It is quite evident that the publisher didn't know how.

Probably Speaker Cannon shot to find out whether any members of the Supreme Court were gun shy.

There is every reason to believe the ground heg saw that spot on the sun as well as his own shadow.

#### CURRENT COMMENT.

##### Square Deal for Shippers.

As a rule, railroad rates are fair. Competition among the carriers keeps rates reasonable. What is needed in addition is an enforced publicity and such power placed in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission as will enable it not to fix the rates, but to enforce the observance of fixed rates by preventing the practice of discrimination in whatever form of favoritism one shipper is enabled to obtain an undue advantage over another shipper for whom like service has been rendered. A square deal is the thing wanted. To take away from the railroads the rate-making power and to put it in the hands of government officials would be a most dangerous experiment. There is no general complaint of railroad rates. They are lower in this country than they are in any other—vastly lower than in countries where there is a government management of railways.—Philadelphia Record.

##### Salt on the Walks.

It is worth while for property owners to know that salt on the surface of cement blocks causes quick disintegration, and a consequent unsightly roughening that of course becomes permanent. Salt water formed by combination of the salt with snow and ice also, as is well known, makes quickly porous the leather shoe soles of pedestrians, so that they absorb water almost like sponges, greatly multiplying the number of troublesome colds on account of damp feet. Years ago, when diphtheria in its virulent form widely prevailed, there were not a few physicians of good professional standing who held that the use of salt on icy sidewalks in winter contributed not a little to the spread and also to the severity of this dread disease of childhood. Sand or sawdust or sifted ashes for the safety of those who "stand on slippery places" is in all ways as useful as salt and better than salt, lacking all the objections heretofore noted.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

##### Would End Competition.

Neither in Mr. Roosevelt's recommendations nor in any of the actual measures which have been proposed has there been any recognition of the fact that the ultimate and unavoidable effect of the Federal regulation of railroad charges was the extinction of competition. The public, however, has been very generally aware of this portentous consequence and is unable to regard it seriously. The fact cannot be disputed that such legislation would forever eliminate all competition, including competition between communities, and that, naturally, implies a revolution in our affairs too radical and overwhelming to be within the bounds of reason or of common sense.—New York Sun.

##### Sacrificing the Army.

The aggressive action begun by Kuropatkin on Wednesday last against the Japanese left wing was probably designed to divert the thought of the Russian people from their domestic troubles. There is nothing new in the trick of quieting domestic discontent by feeding the mob with tales of glory in foreign lands. This has always been one of the favorite resources of maladministrators, and we should do the Russian masses too much credit if we assumed them to be entirely proof against an artifice that has been successfully practiced from time to time by every European monarch.—Brooklyn Citizen.

##### First Slocum Trial.

The first important trial growing out of the Slocum disaster has ended in a disagreement of the jury. The defendant was Henry Lundberg, the assistant inspector of steam vessels, who passed the life preservers and other life-saving apparatus of the ill-fated excursion boat, Lundberg, who is charged with manslaughter, contended that his duty ended when he had answered certain formal questions demanded by the heads of the steamboat inspection service respecting the General Slocum. In other words the system and not the assistant inspector was to blame in Lundberg's opinion. There is no doubt that the inspection system was faulty; that has been amply shown by the reports of the special commission which investigated the inspection service in different parts of the country after the burning of the General Slocum and by the subsequent formulation of new regulations by Secretary Metcalf. But the understanding is that every man should know the law, particularly those whose duty is to enforce it. The authorities should not let Lundberg go free because one jury has failed to agree.—Buffalo Express.

Forty-two piece dinner sets at Lash's, for only \$5.75 a set; a great bargain. Call and look at them. 27th

#### THE GIRL WHO SKATES.

She is the Most Popular Young Woman of the Season.

The New York faddists have gone in for skating this winter with a vim which has made the sport more popular than it ever has been before. The girl who does not skate may as well make up her mind to sit at home for all the rest of the world will be off skating whenever it has the chance and the leisure. Young women who were hitherto content to be able to stand up and strike out over the ice now are not satisfied until they become expert skaters, and have learned to waltz, cut grapevines, and do all sorts of fancy skating once thought to be the prerogative of mere man.

Miladi's skating costume is one of her first thoughts, and no young woman is so poor as she who does not possess one. On the outdoor lakes and ponds one sees chiefly white sweaters and white tam o'shanter worn with short, gray pleated skirts and high skating boots. Here and there a red or blue sweater with tam o'shanter to match, breaks the monochromy and lends color to the scene. But the costumes worn at the rinks are gorgeous. They are imported directly from Paris, where the skating fad has made them a feature.

Short jackets, boleros and Etons with wide sleeves, flaring cuffs, and full or pleated short skirts are the thing. Red velvet trimmed in mink is one of the favorite combinations. Black velvet worn with ermine furs is another. A hunter's green cloth suit trimmed with plaid and a green turban tipped with two vivid green breasts is the costume worn by a member of New York's four hundred.

Some young women skate without fur or jacket when they are indoors, wearing merely a fancy shirt waist and short skirt. One even sees lace waists occasionally and little lace and fur hats.

The girl who skates always has her boots made to order, with braces for weak ankles, fastened inside. Her skates are then screwed on to the sole of her boots. Thus she can wear the fancy gaiters, without which she is never seen this year and which complete her skating outfit.—New York Press.

#### SPROUTED IN HER THROAT.

Grain of Barley Lodged in Tonsil's of California Girl.

In a surgical operation performed today, says a San Diego (Cal.) dispatch to the Los Angeles Times, a plump sprouted barley kernel was found upon the inside of the tonsils of Miss Martha Marquardt, a society girl of nineteen. She is the daughter of Hans Marquardt, a business man.

The young lady was attacked a few days ago with what was believed to be tonsillitis. The trouble did not yield to the usual treatment. The tonsils were seriously swollen and there was a constant irritation, which was extremely distressing. The surgeon finally found an object in the tonsils which proved to be the barley seed.

It had been nourished by the warmth and moisture in its place of lodgment, and had sprung into life as though planted in the ground. Moreover, it had sent out two tiny sprouts, three-quarters of an inch long, which had curled up inside the sack.

In a few days the wound made by the incision for the forceps will have healed. The surgeon, Dr. J. C. Hearne, says that if the kernel had lodged in the stomach, it would not have survived, as the gastric juices would have destroyed it. But it being in the tonsils, it was protected from destructive elements.

#### Had it on His Person.

A pupil in a Lynn, Mass., school was asked by his teacher to give the definition of a vacuum. "I can't just describe it," said he, "but I have it in my head."—Lippincott's.

#### THE EDITOR'S SONG.

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber,  
Who pays in advance at the birth of each year,  
Who lays down two dollars and offers it gladly,  
And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

Who never says "Stop it, I cannot afford it!"  
Or, "I'm getting more papers than I can read."  
But always says, "Send it, the family all like it—"

In fact, we regard it as a household need!

How welcome is he when he steps in the sanctum,  
How he makes our hearts throb!  
How he makes our eyes dance!  
We outwardly thank him—we inwardly bless him—  
The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—Monthly Union.

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#### CENTRAL SOUTH CRIPPLED.

Wires Down and Railroads Suffer in Consequence.

(By Associated Press.)  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 6.—Telegraphic communication in the central South was crippled today to a degree of seriousness unknown in late years by a sheet storm of many hours' duration, extending from Georgia over into Texas and as far north as the Ohio river. Atlanta, Ga., which under normal conditions keeps in touch with the world over 150 telegraph wires, was entirely cut off today. Telephone wires were also unworkable and railroads, deprived of their usual methods of transmitting train orders by their own wires, were forced to use other methods.

The telegraph companies have many men at work in the sheet-swept territory, but it will be several days before the wires are restored.

Chattanooga reported by train that 500 telegraph poles were flat on the ground near Atlanta. Macon, in central Georgia, has also failed to communicate with neighboring towns.

The only part of Georgia reached by wire was Columbus, in the southwestern corner of the State, and Columbus reported that no communication had been had with Atlanta or Macon for two days. New Orleans also is affected, only two wires working to that city. Many telegraph poles are reported to have fallen in Mississippi.

The commercial telegraph companies, owing to impaired facilities, were forced to route telegrams originally intended between cities only a short distance apart, over a territory covering thousands of miles and involving much delay.

Many Southern cities report the crippling of street car and lighting facilities, and in every direction trains were hours late.

#### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A girl has plenty of hair when she is willing to have a man pull it down fighting to kiss her.

Children have such a good time because there is no morning after for them.

Many a woman pulls her hand away quickly, in shaking hands, when the man has no intention of squeezing it.

How easily gossip starts! Ever think how little pleasure you get out of a "story" you start, and how much trouble you may be making others?

#### Genuine Eloquence.

In my morning rambles a man sitting on the ground leaning his back against the wall attracted my attention by a look of squalor in his appearance which I had rarely before observed even in Ireland. His clothes were ragged to indecency, and his face was pale and sickly. He did not address me, and I passed by; but, having gone a few paces, my heart smote me, and I turned back.

"If you are in want," said I, with some degree of peevishness, "why do you not beg?"

"Sure, it's begging I am," was the reply.

"You did not utter a word."  
"No! Is it joking you are with me, sir? Look there!" holding up the ragged remnant of what had once been a coat. "Do you see how the skin is speaking through the holes in my trousers and the bones crying out through my skin? Look at my sunken cheeks and the famine that's staring in my eyes! Man alive, isn't it begging I am with a hundred tongues?"—"Travels in Ireland."

#### "Hurrah" Is an Ancient Word.

It is not generally known that few words can boast of so remote and widely extended prevalence as "hurrah." In India and Ceylon "ur-re-re," which seems to be a form of hurrah, is used by the mahouts and attendants on the baggage elephants. The Arabs and camel drivers of Egypt, Palestine and Turkey encourage their animals to renewed effort by cries of "A-re, a-re!" The Spanish Moors use something of the same expression. In France the sportsman excites his hounds by his shouts of "Hare, hare!" and wagons turn their horses by crying "Harbaba!" Irish and Scottish herdsmen shout "Hurrah, hurrah!" to their cattle. The exclamation is thought to be a corruption of the old Norsemen battle cry, "Tirnie!" (Thor aid).

#### WANTED IN TEXAS.

Lone Star State Officials Still Want to Extradite Mrs. Duke.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—When Mrs. Brodie L. Duke was arraigned in police court today for her adjourned examination, it developed that the Texas authorities have not, as reported, given up their intention of securing her extradition to that State. Just before court opened District Attorney Jerome received the following message: "State Capital, Austin Texas, Feb. 6, 1905."

"Application for requisition for Alice Webb, wanted in Nacogdoches county, Texas, for swindling, has been received by me and returned to the officers of Nacogdoches county for correction. Will be forwarded as soon as papers are made out properly."  
(Signed) "S. W. T. LANHAM," "Governor."

Counsel for Mrs. Duke tried to secure her release on parole, but the representatives of the district attorney would not agree. After hearing the argument on that point Magistrate Pool said:

#### Something Queer About Case.

"There is something queer about this whole case. It looks as if the Texas authorities have been trifling with the district attorney's office here. It is fifteen days since Mrs. Duke was arrested and we have heard nothing definite from them."

The magistrate granted an adjournment until tomorrow and Mrs. Duke was returned to the rooms. When she was being conducted back to the prison she collapsed in a faint, in the corridor outside the court room and was carried across the "bridge of sighs" to her cell.

Assistant District Attorney Sanford promised to telegraph Gov. Lanham, of Texas, to stir the district attorney of Nacogdoches county, Texas, to more activity and direct him to stop trifling with the district attorney's office here.

#### Business Partner Arrested.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Charles F. Taylor, business partner of Mrs. Alice Webb, has been arrested at his office here charged with being a fugitive from justice. He is alleged to have been implicated in a swindle at Nacogdoches, Texas, involving \$2,000.

Taylor denies the truth of the charge and says he will make a fight against being taken to Texas.

#### REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Forbidden fruit ripens early.  
The hottest arguments are over things that neither side cares a rap about.

It is easier to make a man believe water will run uphill than a woman that most of the features of her children are not beautiful.—New York Press.

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